

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 20 have been cancelled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and claims 21 to 37 have been added. Support for features recited by the new claims is found throughout the disclosure, including at least pages 15 to 17 and 21 to 25 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claim 7 for informality reasons. Applicant has canceled the claim thus removing the need to respond to the objection.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/001715 ("Chinn"). Claims 1-20 have been canceled, thus removing the need to respond to this rejection.

New Claims 21-38 are Allowable Over the Cited References

Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 21 is allowable over the references of record, and specifically the Chinn reference. Chinn fails to teach or suggest if it is determined that the exit option has been selected, exiting the entered open interaction element and changing into the navigation mode, as taught by claim 21. In the rejection of claim 1, the Examiner stated that Chinn taught a similar feature at page 12 paragraph 139 and page 14 paragraphs 166 and 167. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Paragraph 139 describes "determin[ing] whether the current interactive session with the user should be ended". Thus, rather than changing into a navigation mode after enabling an exit option, paragraph 139 instead teaches exiting the interactive session altogether. Paragraphs 166 and 167 similarly fail to teach changing into a navigation mode after enabling an exit option, but rather teach automatically moving to a next data entry field. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner allow claim 21.

New claims 37 and 38 contain similar, but not identical features as claim 21, and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons given above for claim 21. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner allow claims 39 and 40.

New claims 22-32 are all dependent on claim 21, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons given above for independent claim 21. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner allow claims 22-32.

Applicant respectfully submits that new Claim 33 is allowable over the cited references. The cited references entirely fails to teach or suggest **prioritizing the voice enabled user interface elements into priority groups based on their location in the user interface**, as featured in new claim 33. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner allow new claim 33.

New claims 34-36 are all dependent on claim 33, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons given above for independent claim 33. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner allow claims 34-36.

Conclusion

Based on the arguments presented, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance.

It is believed that all of the pending issues have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, objection, issue, or comment, including the Office Action's characterizations of the references, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment or cancellation of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment or cancellation.

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